

BANK SCAMS

A Letter to the Editor appeared in our local paper recently. It was sent in by a local Independent candidate for the seat of Fairfax.

He had queried his bank as to why his son's Austudy payment was not shown on the statement six days after depositing it.

To his amazement the bank advised that it was now policy of all banks not to credit any government cheques for at least seven days unless by prior special arrangement.

A call to the Australian Banks Association to confirm or deny this policy resulted in a "no comment".

A further call to the Federal Treasurer in Canberra for a "please explain" resulted in a record-like reply by one of the Treasurer's staff saying ... "Your comments have been noted, your comments have been noted, ... etc. etc."

In now total disbelief, he phoned a friend and currency trader to see what light could be placed on the subject.

His friend said it was the latest scam in banking circles to debit all accounts immediately and if they overdraw one cent, bounce and charge accordingly ... This sucks in about four to eight mil-



lion a week to the "ring".

Then on the other side of the fence, they don't credit any account with any government social security, Austudy, or pension payments for seven days, shoot it onto the money markets for six days, continuously rolling over, and this brings in about \$1.6 million per day nett.

I guess it is just what we have come to expect from banks, isn't it?

(Source: Letter to the Editor, sent by M. Burnett, Independent candidate for Fairfax, published in the Sunshine Coast Daily, 11/11/92).

PARANOID ABOUT TELECOM?

Telecom is offering a new service called "Family & Friends" in which you can nominate five phone numbers (long distance or overseas) that will attract a saving of 10%.

The service costs \$1 per month, and all you have to do is supply Telecom with the five STD phone numbers you ring the most. You can even include one ISD number among these.

Is it just big brother keeping an eye on us, or is Telecom trying to save us money?

(Source: Telecom brochure, 1992)

NEW STUDY LINKS POWER LINES TO CANCER

The Swedish National Board for Industrial and Technological Development is now convinced that radiation from power lines can cause childhood leukaemias.

After evaluating two studies examining the possible links, the board is convinced that action such as banning new housing in exposed zones is necessary.

One of these studies involved researching the effects of Electro-Magnetic radiation in the work place, while the other researched the effects of living in houses under or near, overhead power lines.

(Source: New Scientist, 31/10/92)

SLEEPING PILL TURNS POLICEMAN INTO KILLER?

An American jury found last week that the sleeping pill Halcion (triazolam) was partially responsible for turning a former assistant police chief into a murderer.

This was apparently the first case in which a jury blamed the side-effects of Halcion for violent behaviour.

Although Halcion has been banned from the UK market for over a year, the FDA still considers it safe and effective.

(Source: New Scientist, 21/11/92)



CIA OPENNESS?

As the Cold War ended, the CIA decided it needed to project "a greater openness and sense of public responsibility". So it commissioned a task force. On 20 December 1991, the committee submitted a 15-page "Task Force Report on Greater Openness".

It is stamped "SECRET", and agency officials refuse to disclose any of the contents.

(Source: It's A Conspiracy! See book reviews this issue.)

TAXPAYERS MONEY BEING USED TO PROMOTE GPs

The Federal Government is spending \$2.5 million on a two-week advertising campaign to encourage us to visit our local general practitioner (GP).

The campaign will include two weeks of television advertising.

In light of the growing dissatisfaction with the medical system, and the rising number of people seeking alternative health care treatments, I would say the government is going to need to spend far more money than this to restore the ailing confidence in this industry.

According to sources in the natural health movement, approximately one in four people have visited a natural health care practitioner, and this number is tipped to continue rising.

(Source: Sunshine Coast Daily, 20/1/93)

EUROPEAN TREATY TO ELIMINATE HEALTH FOODS?

Britain's booming health food industry is under threat from European Commission plans to classify all but the smallest doses of vitamins and minerals as drugs, rather than food products.

The Commission also plans to move against sales of herbal teas, royal jelly and slimming aids.

The move, which could see the removal of most brand name vitamins from the shelves of health food stores and chemists, will seriously threaten the livelihoods of thousands of people in the £200 million-per-year health food industry.

'Harmonisation' would require the

UK to fall into line with other European countries where vitamins and minerals are classed as pharmaceutical products if they contain as little as one-and-a-half times the recommended daily intake.

Once these substances are not allowed to be classified as food supplements, then as things stand they would have to go under medicines law instead. The Medicines Act requires laboratory and animal testing, which would cause a massive increase in the cost of the substance to consumers, a move in itself that would bankrupt many businesses in this field.

(Source: Sunday Telegraph [UK], 9 August 1992.)

NEW STUDY LINKS COMPUTER VDTs WITH MISCARRIAGES

A new study of 585 pregnant women employed in banking and clerical positions in Finland is the first to find an increased risk of miscarriages for women who work at VDTs that emit strong magnetic fields. The women were employed for at least three months during the first trimester of

pregnancy — and 191 had miscarriages.

The study concludes that pregnant women who work with VDTs with strong magnetic fields are 3 1/2 times more likely to have miscarriages than those working with VDTs with low magnetic fields.

The research, reported at an international scientific conference last September in Berlin, also asserted that women exposed to medium levels of extremely low frequency magnetic fields had nearly twice as many miscarriages as those exposed to lower levels.

The Finns were the first to do the obvious: They measured the magnetic fields of 23 different computer models, the women's exposure and the outcome.

Dr. Marija-Liisa Lindbohm, primary researcher on the Finnish study, concludes that "pregnant women should not work at VDT terminals with high magnetic fields". She points out that newer computers have lower — and safer — levels of electromagnetic radiation.

(Source: Taken from peg:gen.techeffects, via the Pegasus Computer Network.)



SOMALIA: SHOWCASE, STARVATION, OR STRATEGY?

US military chief reveals Pentagon plan for new wars

It appears the massive US military intervention into Somalia could be the result of a new military doctrine developed to justify the Pentagon's bloated \$300 billion annual budget.

Many reporters at a 4 December news briefing were astonished when Joint Chiefs of Staff Chair Gen. Colin Powell bragged that the upcoming Operation Restore Hope in Somalia, would be a "paid political advertisement" that would showcase US military "capabilities and usefulness."

In an article written for *Foreign Affairs* magazine just before the US invasion of Somalia, Powell outlined the new doctrine. He pushed it as the reason to maintain staggering levels of military spending even though poverty is deepening throughout the United States.

"The new national military strategy is an unclassified document. Anyone can read it," Powell wrote. "The central idea in the strategy is the change from a focus on global war-fighting to a focus on regional contingencies. In the fall of 1992 we are fine-tuning that strategy, restructuring our armed forces so that they are ideally suited to executing it."

In the *Foreign Affairs* article, Powell made it clear that the Somali intervention has little to do with bringing much-needed relief to a suffering population. "Because of the need to accomplish a wide range of missions, our new armed forces will be capabilities-oriented as well as threat-oriented. What sorts of missions can we envision? I believe that peacekeeping and humanitarian operations are a given objective..."

LONG-TERM OCCUPATION

The groundwork to cover a longer occupation of this strategically located African country has already been carefully orchestrated. The corporate media have begun to quote specialist and military personnel on the need for an expanded role and a longer stay.

From the beginning, this has been the purpose of the intervention. On 5 December 1992, Joint Chief of Staff head General Colin Powell explained, "We wanted to put in a large enough force so

that we could dominate the entire country."

Months ago, many international relief agencies began to urge the US government to provide cargo planes and air drops to deliver food directly to villages in Somalia. No assistance came as huge numbers of Somalis starved to death, the death toll reaching 300,000, by some estimates.

The US Air Force is by far the largest in the world. It could have easily and inexpensively provided famine relief to every needy village and town in Somalia and then attempt to move the supplies through overland convoys on dangerous roads. The US corporate media expressed great moral outrage that various gangs, which had been armed and financed by the Pentagon for the past 18 years, were looting these convoys.

Using this as a pretext, the Pentagon has now stepped in to suppress the armed groups it created. The way the occupation is unfolding has little to do with providing famine relief or feeding the survivors. In fact, the famine began to subside weeks ago after the rains came and new crops began growing.

Even today the U.S. could feed far more starving people, much faster and at less expense, with a large airlift. But Washington has chosen aircraft carriers, destroyers and tanks to deliver food, proof that it is the strategic position of Somalia

that most interests the Pentagon.

STRATEGIC POSITION

The attitude of US officialdom toward the Somali people is reflected in a statement by a national security adviser, David Winterford of the Naval Post-Graduate School. "Somalia as a country is not worth much, but its geography is priceless," he said recently. "Whoever controls Somalia could control the southern entrance to the Red Sea and thus could control the Suez Canal, a prime location from which to influence the political stability of the Middle East."

Other Pentagon advisors are cheering the "humanitarian precedent" this occupation sets for intervention in Yugoslavia, Sudan, or Haiti.

This scenario of feeding the hungry is only slightly different from the pretext of defending the self-determination of small nations. The Pentagon for its devastating destruction of Iraq, resulting in the death of hundreds of thousands of people. In a similar vein, fighting drug lords was the cover for the 1990 invasion of Panama.

But there is growing recognition in this country that the Pentagon may have cynically allowed a crisis to develop in Somalia and then intervened to establish control of a strategic area linking Africa to the Middle East.

(Source: *Workers World Service*:
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via Pegasus Computer Network.)



... GLOBAL NEWS ...

EARTH CHANGES, EARTHQUAKES & PROPHECIES FOR 1993

The year 1993 shall be known as "The Year of the Great Quakes". The Earth's magnetic field shall become erratic as it prepares for its new course. In the United States, the first of these changes will see the beginning of the breaking-up of California starting with Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco, the Golden Bridge damaged, the Imperial Valley inundated, a nation in shock. The final warning sounded - the land's time has come, it prepares for its cleansing and reunion with its mother land, Mu. Many see the event as a relief and begin to rebuild. Sadly, more is to come. Mass migrations begin into Nevada, Arizona, Colorado. Western US hit with quakes-Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana and Washington, many exceed 7.0. Inundation occurs in coastal US from Maine to Florida Keys, Vancouver to the Baja-Florida's Pan Handle to Texas.

With the beginning of the shifting of the magnetic poles, the forces of nature react. Weather becomes erratic throughout the world trade winds shift, high winds occur in many countries. The polar regions begin to melt,

increasing the water flow in many tributaries such as the St Lawrence, Mississippi and Rhine. Snow and hail shall fall where it previously has not. Rain floods much of Great Britain and the Scandinavian countries. Drought ends in Africa and California.

New plagues emerge, disease of the optic system and parasympathetic system, the cause: body's electrical system unbalanced due to interaction between the body and the Earth's magnetic field and electromagnetic pollution. Heart failures increase. The alternative healer emerges, as more turn to natural healing methods, many forced by lack of insurance due to an inability to afford it. New healers come forward in great numbers, some to heal the physical body and others to give hope. Nutrition shall be emphasised in schools, becomes mandatory in many, as a movement to take responsibility for one's health grows. The FDA begins to break-up and reorganise. Preventive health care emerges in a strong way.

The US declines economically, insurance industry further collapses because of high claims due to Earth changes. US exports drop significantly as countries move deeper into depression. Unemployment rises.

Education shifts due to economic

strains. School systems begin to 'job out' courses to the private sector.

Opportunities grow for teachers and teacher consortiums to teach without constrictions. Home-study grows and a return to the 'trades' begins.

Riots in major US cities beginning with Los Angeles, national guard and US military called in. US joins war in Europe. A sad time for the Middle East, - karma! Conflict begins as Palestinians join with other Middle East nations against Israel. During Tribulation (1991-1997), war shall be in that land, once again.

New Communities, based on lunar principles, form around the world, many in southwest and southeast USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Mass dreams of the coming changes now occur for the many rather than the few. All are warned by God. Children receive the clearest information and are told by spiritual beings that God's messenger, Michael watches over them.

Framework for New Colonies of '96 is created.

The Great Awakening increases - all that choose to receive the message of His return do, His light is seen in the sky. Intuition and psychic abilities increase ten-fold for all humankind. A time of joy for those with eyes to see. Blessings abound. Records on the life of Jesus will be revealed.

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The next issue of Nexus will see the start of a regular column by Gordon-Michael Scallion. It will take the form of questions and answers.

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